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Re: FOIA Request No. F-00005-19
Final Response

Dear Ms. Best:

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) regrets the delay in responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Unfortunately, USAID is experiencing a backlog of FOIA requests. Please know that USAID management is very committed to providing responses to FOIA requests and remedying the FOIA backlog.

This is the final response to your October 17, 2018 FOIA request to USAID. You requested materials mentioning or generated as a result of the drafting, consulting, commenting or reacting to the October 16, 2018 letter from the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to His Excellency Lenin Moreno, President of Ecuador.

For your information, Congress excluded three (3) discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all of our requesters and should not be construed as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

USAID conducted a comprehensive search of Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs (LPA), Office of the Executive Secretariat (OES), and Bureau for Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Information Assurance Division (M/CIO/IA) for records responsive to your request. Based on this search, no records were identified as responsive to your request.

If you require any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact Pamela Campbell, the assigned FOIA Specialist by phone on (202) 712-4476 or at parringtoncampbell@usaid.gov. You may also contact USAID's FOIA Public Liaison, Claire Ehmann, at foia@usaid.gov.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services offered:

Office of Government Information Services
National Records and Archives Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448
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You have the right to appeal this "No Records" response. Your appeal must be received by USAID no later than 90 days from the date of this letter. In order for it to be considered an official appeal, please address and send directly to the FOIA Appeal Officer:

Director, Office of Management Services
U.S. Agency for International Development
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Ronald Reagan Building, Room 2.12.010
Washington, DC 20523

If you wish to fax your appeal, the fax number is (202) 216-3369. Both the appeal and envelope should be marked "**FOIA APPEAL.**" Please include your tracking number F-00005-19 in your letter.

There is no charge for this FOIA request. As this concludes the processing of your request, it will be closed.

Thank you for your interest in USAID and continued patience.

Sincerely,



Claire Ehmann
FOIA Public Liaison
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Office of Management Services
Information and Records Division